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tion of the crew, & to become a pirate. But for this he was tried, though without authority, condemned, & hung, because, as was alleged, it was only at great hazard to the safety of the ship & crew that the prisoners could be kept alive in confinement. When Capt. Mackenzie arrived & reported the case, a naval court was ordered for his trial, & a thorough investigation of the whole case. There never was assembled in this country a more dignified or able naval court. Its sentence acquitted Capt. Mackenzie. & I could do nothing but approve the sentence. If it had ordered Mackenzie to be shot, I would not have interposed to save him. Spencer, then still Secretary of War, was very urgent with me to set aside the trial, & to order another for the slayer of his son. But I answered that it would be contrary to the general rule of law, that when a man had been once fairly tried, & acquitted, he should not be tried again upon the same charges & evidence. But I determined that as long as my power should last, Capt. Mackenzie should never be entrusted with another command.

WILL OF ANN ISHAM GORDON.

In the name of God amen. I Ann Isham Gordon of the County of Prince George, being weak in body, but of sound, perfect mind & memory, do this 16th. day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand, Seven Hundred & Ninety make and publish my last will and Testament in manner following viz: First, it is my Will that all my just Debts be duly and truly paid, and that my Executors pay no Legacies, nor suffer any division of my Estate to be made among my Legatees untill all my said Debts be fully discharged. Unto Elizabeth McNeil (who has lived with me upwards of forty years, and has been a faithful servant and friend to me during all that time) I give and bequeath to Use of the following slaves during her natural life viz: my negro woman Mollie and all her children, and also Answick her mother; also one Feather Bed & furniture, the Bay Colt which is called hers and one Cow and Calf. Unto William Yates, eldest son of the late Colº William Yates, I give and bequeath my Negro Girl named

Annake. Unto Benjamin Poythress Yates, second son of the said Col°. Wm. Yates, I give and bequeath my Boy Peter, Sally's Brother. Unto my Niece Mary Muir, I give and bequeath my negro Woman Sally, and I give Sally's Child to the youngest Daughter of my said Niece. Unto William Poythress Muir, eldest son of my said Niece, I give my negro Boy named Davie. Unto Margaret A. Muir, her Daughter, I give my Negro Girl Betsy, Sally's Sister. Unto William Ramsay, son of M^r^ William Wilson, I give my Negro Girl named Nancy. Unto Lucy Gordon, Daughter of John Gordon dec^d^, I give and bequeath my Negro Girl Lucy, Hannah's Daughter—also one large Silver soup Spoon, six Silver Table Spoons, four Silver Salts, and my watch with everything belonging to it. Unto my friend Thomas Gordon I give and bequeath my Negro Boy Joe, Dina's son. And out of the remainder of my Slaves I will and desire that my sister Elizabeth Ramsay make choice of two of my small young Negroes for the children of my Niece Elizabeth Potts to whom I give them each one, and that my said Sister, out of the residue of any slaves, also make choice of one for each of her sons, and I give unto each of her said sons the slaves so chosen by her, and also one for my Niece Elizabeth Potts to be chosen in like manner which I give to her. It is my will that the several Legatees above named (except Elizabeth McNeill) have an absolute right in the Legacies bequeathed to them respectively, and the Legacies which I have given Elizabeth McNeill for life, I give and bequeath to my sister Ramsay after the death of the said Elizabeth, and provided also that if Lucy Gordon shall depart this life before she marries or arrives at the age of Twenty one, then I give the Legacies bequeathed to her unto my sister Ramsay and her heirs forever. Unto my friends Thomas G. Peachy and Elizabeth Peachy I give and bequeath the sum of Twenty five pounds Current money each, which I entreat them to accept of as a token of my sincere affection and esteem, and all the rest and residue of my Estate, be it of what nature or kind soever, I give, devise and bequeath unto my Dear Sister Elizabeth Ramsay and her heirs forever. Lastly, I do constitute and appoint my friends Thomas G. Peachy and Thomas Gor-

don Executors of this my Will; in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands and Seal the day and year within written.

Signed
Ann Isham Gordon (seal)

Signed, Sealed, published and declared
by the said A. I. G. to be her last Will and Testament
in the presence of us: Eleanor Craine, Elizabeth Mills Fram, Susannah Cocke (her mark)

THE RALEIGH TAVERN IN WILLIAMSBURG.

This was a large wooden building which occupied lot 54 on the north side of the Duke of Gloucester Street between Botetourt Street and the Capitol. It was two stories in height, lit by 8 dormer windows on every side. A leaden bust of Sir Walter Raleigh stood in a portico over the door on Duke of Gloucester Street.

This tavern was perhaps the most famous hostelry in the colonies. In 1742 it was the property of John Blair, (nephew of Commissary Blair), in which year Henry Wetherburn kept the ordinary there. The same year a company consisting of John Dixon, David Meade, Patrick Barclay, Alexander McKenzie and James Murray purchased the property of Mr. Blair, but it appears that the ordinary was still managed by Henry Wetherburn.

There is a curious deed recorded in Goochland County whereby William Randolph of Tuckahoe in that county sells 200 acres of land to Peter Jefferson (father of Thomas Jefferson) for the quaint consideration of "Henry Wetherburn's biggest bowl of arrack punch."

In 1749 John Dixon & Co. sold the Raleigh Tavern to Alexander Finnie who kept the ordinary till August, 1752, when he sold the property for 700 £ Virginia currency to Col. John Chiswell and Dr. George Gilmer.

It passed afterwards to William Trebell, and he, in 1767, sold the Raleigh Tavern to Anthony Hay, a wealthy cabinet maker.